

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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Item Submitted By: Lee Battle, Staff Planner
For Council Meeting Of: December 11, 1997
Director Approval: _____
City Manager Approval: _____

Item: Public hearing and consideration of Zoning Ordinance amendment to regulate wireless telecommunication facilities in the City.

Item Summary:

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide guidelines for the development of wireless telecommunication facilities (WTF's) in College Station and ensure compliance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This ordinance will also minimize the negative impacts of new WTF's by protecting the health and safety of residents and minimizing visual impacts. Coordination with the City of Bryan has resulted in similar draft ordinances between the two cities that will ease the development process for service providers and balance telecommunication development pressures between the cities.

This ordinance regulates the siting and design of WTF's in College Station. It is the result of months of collaboration. Input for this ordinance has come from many groups including the P&Z Commission, local service providers, City of Bryan staff and Telecommunications Committee, City of College Station staff, the Community Appearance Committee, a College Station telecommunications focus group, many local residents. In addition, research into the Telecommunications Act and the ordinances of many other cities ensures that this ordinance is in compliance with the FCC and contains elements similar to those already adopted by municipalities nationwide.

Policy Issue Statement: Applicable Visions for the 21st Century:

Health and Public Safety - Citizens benefit from a reasonably safe and secure environment.

Civic Pride - Citizens benefit from well-planned, attractive residential and commercial areas, and from preserving historic areas.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval.

Related Advisory Board Recommendation: The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the ordinance amendment on November 20.

Council Action Options: Approve ordinance amendment, defer action and direct staff to make changes, deny ordinance amendment and retain the current ordinance.

Supporting Materials:

1. Draft ordinance amendment.